

in getting the scales they demanded it was
 thanks to them
 that the miserable original scales were
 reformed, as that
 the unmarried wife and mother was treated
 with common
 humanity

Co-operative canteens for soldiers in camps and
 barracks

Productive work for the unemployed

Encouragement of home-grown food supplies

Protection of the consumer against excessive
 prices, through the
 legal establishment of maxima, and the
 commandeering of
 supplies of essential commodities and raw
 materials

A Municipal Housing programme

The establishment of Maternity and Infant

Welfare centres

The provision of meals and clothes for school
 children

The establishment and continuance of control
 over railways,
 docks, coal and food supplies, freights etc

As a matter of fact, if the actual standard of
 life of the
 British worker was, by the later stages of the
 war, in many
 cases higher than it had been before, that
 result was very
 largely due to what the Webbs describe,
 without suggesting
 that they had any part in it, as

"The valuable, though often unwelcome assistance,
 which this
 Committee gave to the Government by insisting
 on the redress
 of grievances, which officialdom would have
 ignored, and by
 its working out of policy and persistence in
 agitation¹ "

Of the war on the Home Front, the records of
 the Com-
 mittee give a most vivid picture, its human
 actualities
 were certainly far more swiftly apprehended
 by this body
 of men and women in close touch with the
 common facts
 of daily life than they were by the Cabinet
 H M Hyndman was one of the members of

the Com-
mittee His wife, in her biography of him,
tells a story of
his, about its working, which is certainly
tinged with his

¹ *History of Trade Unionism*, 1920 Ed , p 691